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SUDJARWO, CHIEF EUROPEAN DIVISION, FORNDEPT, TOLD CHARGE MAY 1 FORNDEPT HAD ISSUED STATEMENT DISCLAIMING JOINT COMMUNIQUE BECAUSE IT MADE NO MENTION OF WEST IRIAN ISSUE. SUDJARWO ACKNOWLEDGED SUKARNO HAD AGREED TO SUBSTANCE OF COMMUNIQUE AND THAT THEREFORE IT WAS IN THAT SENSE JOINT; BUT TECHNICALLY IT WAS UNILATERAL COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING JOINT AGREEMENT. SUDJARWO SAID THAT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF COMMUNIQUE THERE HAD BEEN MUCH CRITICISM IN INDONESIA DUE TO FAILURE TO MENTION WEST IRIAN, SINCE MOST INDONESIANS THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE THE MAIN SUBJECT ANY CONVERSATION BETWEEN SUKARNO AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY. TO SOFTEN THIS CRITICISM FORN DEPT ISSUED STATEMENT WITH NO INTENTION REPUDIATING CONTENT OF WHITE HOUSE COMMUNIQUE. SUDJARWO WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS CONVINCED CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS HAD RESULTED IN IMPROVING SITUATION, FROM INDONESIAN POINT OF VIEW, IN SOME UNDEFINABLE WAY. HE SAID HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD SHOWN A "DIFFERENT" ATTITUDE AND BELIEVED THIS ATTITUDE AUGURED WELL FOR US POLICY IN FUTURE.

SUDJARWO THEN ASKED CHARGE HIS IMPRESSIONS OF KENNEDY-SUKARNO CONVERSATIONS. CHARGE, OF COURSE, WAS FORCED TO REPLY THAT HE HAD NO IMPRESSION BEYOND THAT DERIVED FROM CAREFUL PERUSAL OF NEWSPAPER REPORTS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT EXPRESS ANY OFFICIAL VIEWPOINT

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SUDJARWO SAID HE HAD SEEN ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION BUT
"NOT TOO MUCH DETAIL."

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White House communique on Sukarno visit discussed in detail
~~Message~~ with members Sukarno party. Although word "joint" did not
appear in draft, it added later as part standard format for such
releases. Mention West New Guinea omitted at request Indonesians who
observed that, although fact issue discussed obvious to all, lack of
specific agreement and delicacy of subject made it inappropriate for
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Secretary General of Foreign Department Suwito at May 8 press conference expressed view President Kennedy has demonstrated "a greater understanding of changes taking place in Africa and Asia", according local press. Suwito voiced hope that as result US would be more positive in implementing UN resolution against colonialism and, though press reports somewhat confused on this point, apparently implied this should logically entail US support Indo claim to West New Guinea. Suwito also hoped US would convey spirit of its new attitude toward Afro-Asian area to nations which are still following a colonial policy.

According Antara, these sentiments expressed in reply reporter's question as to what changes had taken place in Kennedy's attitude re nation's claim to West New Guinea.

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